



Eaglecrest High School Speech & Debate

Team Information & Code of Conduct

OVERVIEW

Eaglecrest High School Speech and Debate has enjoyed a long legacy of success. This co-curricular organization is a positive way for students to build communication skills necessary to be successful in academics and their future careers. Students build skills during class and club meetings and put their skills into practice during competitive tournaments. We look forward to a fun and successful 2016-2017 season!

TEAM INFORMATION

Overview of Events—see more detailed descriptions of events beginning on pages 7-8.

Dramatic Events	Speaking Events	Debate Events
Interpretation of Literature Drama Humor Poetry Program of Oral Interpretation Duo (partnered)	Original Oratory Informative Speaking Extemporaneous Speaking Foreign United States	Public Forum (partnered) Lincoln-Douglas Policy/Cross Examination (partnered) *We currently do not have a Policy debate program in place Congress

Fees

There is a participation fee to compete with the Eaglecrest Speech and Debate Program. This fee supplements our school budget to cover tournament registration, materials, resources, and organizational fees. When students earn their membership into the National Forensic League (NFL), the speech and debate honor society, they will pay a one-time fee, due within two weeks of earning the distinction. There may be additional, optional costs that come up throughout the year, such as team shirts and the year-end banquet. Fees are outlined below:

Participation Fee—every student:	\$75	DUE: _____
NFL membership—one-time:	\$20	
Shirts, banquet, etc.—optional:	TBD	

**Knowing that each family’s financial situations is different, please contact Ms. McCulloch individually if your family needs to set up a payment plan or requires assistance with the fees—we will do everything we can to ensure that a family’s financial situation does not prevent students from participating.

Fees will be assessed for dropping a tournament—please see the “Tournament Commitment” section. For NFL membership, optional fees, and drop fees, students will receive an orange fee slip and parents will be notified. Outstanding fees will be passed on to the school bookkeeper at the end of each semester to be placed on student accounts—students with outstanding balances on their accounts will not be able to purchase Homecoming or Prom tickets or to graduate until their fees are paid.

Practice Schedule

We will meet in room W321 for every practice. You are not limited to attending only on days designated for your event, but you are expected to attend practice on a regular basis. As of right now, the practice schedule is still being determined and will be shared on the team website and posted in W321.

Tournament Schedule

Once determined, the 2016-2017 tournament schedule can be accessed on the team website. Hard copies will be available once the schedule has been finalized (at the beginning of September) and updated throughout the year. **Be aware that tournaments are full-day commitments on Saturdays and if members of the team advance to finals, the entire team will stay through the award ceremony. I will aim to schedule at least two tournaments per month so that you may arrange to attend as many as you'd like. As tournament invitations are released, the year's schedule may change—the website will reflect the most accurate tournament schedule.

Online Communication



Scan this QR Code to access the club website on your smartphone! Or go to: eaglecrestspeech.com, follow @EHSSpeechDebate on Twitter and Instagram, and “like” us on Facebook (facebook.com/ehsspeechdebate) for team updates, schedules, and information!

Lettering Requirements

Students need to complete two of the following (within one academic year) to letter in Speech and Debate:

- Earn a minimum of 85 NFL points
- Attend a minimum of eight tournaments
- Place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the State Qualifying Speech & Debate Tournament
- Place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the Colorado State Speech & Debate Tournament
- Qualify to compete at the NFL National Speech & Debate Tournament

Honor Cord Requirements

Graduating seniors can earn an NFL honor cord for their participation and commitment to Speech and Debate.

- Minimum GPA of 3.5 through the seventh semester of high school
- Active participation on the team for at least two years, one of those years being junior or senior year
- Earning a minimum of 250 NFL points (a degree of Distinction)

Seniors who are eligible for the Honor Cord will be notified in the spring and honored at Senior Awards Night.

Parent Involvement

There will be a beginning of the year parent meeting, time and date TBA.

Our team relies on help from parents in order to be successful. From judging at tournaments to organizing rides and snack for tournaments to fundraising, we appreciate any assistance your parents can provide! Please contact Ms. McCulloch for ways to help.

CODE OF CONDUCT—OVERVIEW

The Eaglecrest Speech and Debate Team has had a long and successful history of excellence in the areas of speaking and debating. In order to maintain this high reputation, a code of conduct has been established. The rules and regulations of Eaglecrest High School's Student Handbook will be enforced during all speech and debate team courses and activities. Students will also abide by all competition rules as outlined by invitational tournament officials, the Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA), the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA), and any other tournament guidelines expressed by tournament hosts. The Eaglecrest High School Speech and Debate team coaches reserve the right to enforce all verbal rules and regulations expressed to the team during speech and debate team courses and activities. Students will remember that at all times they are representing Eaglecrest High School and act accordingly.

NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE HONOR SOCIETY

Through participation in the Eaglecrest Speech and Debate Team, students can become members of the National Forensic League (NFL) honor society. As members of the NFL, students are expected to uphold the Code of Honor:

“As a member of the National Speech & Debate Association, I pledge to uphold the highest standards of integrity, humility, respect, leadership and service in the pursuit of excellence.”

Integrity: An honor society member obeys the highest ethical standards and adheres to the rules of the organization. Members recognize that integrity is central to earning the trust, respect, and support of one’s peers. Integrity encompasses the highest regard for honesty, civility, justice, and fairness.

Humility: A member does not regard him or herself more highly than others. Regardless of a person’s level of success, he or she always looks beyond oneself to appreciate the inherent value of others.

Respect: A member respects individual differences and fosters diversity. He or she promotes tolerance, inclusion, and empowerment for people from a variety of backgrounds.

Leadership: A member influences others to take positive action toward productive change. Members commit to thoughtful and responsible leadership that promotes the other core values in the Code of Honor.

Service: A member exercises the talents he or she has been given to provide service to his or her peers, community, and the activity. At all times a member is prepared to work constructively to improve the lives of others.

All Eaglecrest Speech and Debate Team policies and expectations stem from the NFL Code of Honor. For more information about the NFL honor society, please visit: <https://www.speechanddebate.org/honor-society/>

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Academic Performance

Members of the Eaglecrest High School Speech and Debate Team will strive to excel in and out of the classroom. Any member of the team who wishes to attend speech and debate tournaments must maintain a high standard of academic performance.

Eligibility

Students must remain eligible per activity and athletics eligibility requirements in order to compete. Students with more than one “F” are ineligible. Any students with grades of “D”s or “F”s are expected to attend a supervised after-school academic study hall, which will be communicated with the student. Attendance for study hall is reported to coaches and there will be consequences for repeated absences from study hall. If a student is still ineligible by the eligibility deadline established for a tournament, they will be dropped from the tournament, which may result in a drop fee.

Procedure for Missing Class

Due to the nature of attending speech and debate tournaments, students may occasionally be excused early from their final class of the day or for a full school day for certain competitions. Students are expected to discuss their absence with each of their teachers to arrange to complete course work before each individual absence during the school year. This communication is crucial to individual student success as well as the success of the speech and debate program.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Moral and Ethical Conduct

As representatives of Eaglecrest High School and specifically the Eaglecrest Speech and Debate Team, students will exhibit appropriate behavior both in and out of the classroom. Students representing Eaglecrest High School will continuously act in a manner that exhibits the highest standards of honor and morality. At no time shall students use inappropriate language, exhibit dishonorable actions, degrade or abuse others, or violate the accepted rules of proper behavior. Students who violate the expectations of appropriate conduct in or out of the classroom will have consequences for their actions. The policies outlined in the Eaglecrest Student Handbook apply at all times while participating in speech and debate activities.

Partnerships

Students acknowledge that in activities that require partners (Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, and Duo Interp), students will strive to work and cooperate with their partners. Students have a responsibility to their partner to be on time, arrange schedules to attend similar tournaments, and treat their partner with respect.

Using Team Materials and Resources

Students are expected to treat team materials and resources with respect and care. Students may check out items from coaches to use at home or at tournaments and will be held responsible for any loss or damage caused to the item. Prompt return of any borrowed items is necessary so that other students can utilize our team resources.

Work and Assignment Completion

Students in all areas of speech and debate will receive assignments to be completed by a specific date. Failure to complete an assignment or failure to complete an assignment to the expected level can result in the student receiving a lower grade in the course (if in the Competitive Speech class) and/or not being allowed to attend tournaments.

Participation

Students are expected to exhibit positive participation during course time and during after school practice. Arriving on time, completing assignments, staying focused and on task, taking notes, asking appropriate questions, responding to questions, encouraging others, adding to small group discussion, being a good listener, contributing ideas, and allowing others to speak are all forms of positive participation. Arriving late to class, not being prepared, speaking out of turn, disrupting the instructor or others, being rude, personal attacks, working on other work, interrupting, showing no interest are all forms of negative participation.

Working at Home

Students are expected to work on their speech and debate assignments at home as well as during class time and after school. Each individual student may have a unique task to complete at home due to the nature of the course and the activity and its focus on personal development and growth. Individual initiative is an important part of having a successful experience both in and out of class.

SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

Medical and Contact Forms

In order to take responsibility for students at tournaments, the Directors of the program require students to submit a permission form (including medical and insurance information) and a contact form at the start of the school year before attending their first tournament. If there are changes to medical information or contact details, students should notify the coach of these changes as soon as possible. Students cannot compete until the necessary forms are on file with the coaches.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Substance Abuse

Under no circumstances will the possession or consumption of drugs or alcohol be tolerated. Our competitions take place at other schools, which are all tobacco-free areas. Students who make destructive decisions will receive consequences regarding participation in the course, in the activity, and will be reported to the school for appropriate action.

Appropriate Communication

Communication is vital to the success of a speech and debate program. In order to best monitor the safety of students at tournaments as well as provide the best coaching possible, coaches and students will communicate using personal cell phones and computers. Students acknowledge that these conversations should remain about speech and debate only and that the personal contact information of fellow students and coaches should not be given out except in cases of emergency. Students also need to self-monitor appropriate behavior when communicating using these devices. Please refer to the moral and ethical conduct section of this document for further explanation and consequences for inappropriate actions.

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Communication with Parents/Guardians

Students are expected to communicate with parents/guardians providing them with the necessary information regarding class requirements, upcoming tournaments, trip sheets, financial bills, travel schedules, clothing requirements, as well as alerting parents/guardians of safe arrival at tournament destinations. The coach will send periodic emails to keep parents updated about tournaments.

TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS**Tournament Sign-Up/Tournament Rosters**

Though students have the opportunity to sign up for tournaments they wish to attend, the coaching staff of the Eaglecrest Speech and Debate Team reserves the right to set the tournament roster to meet the needs of the team, reward diligence and commitment, and develop the squad for specified competitions. They will make every effort to develop a schedule and tournament roster that allows for the greatest number of participants within the constraints of the team budget, travel restrictions, and tournament limits. Communication between all parties is crucial to filling a tournament roster and students should only sign up for tournaments they can definitely attend.

Tournament Commitment**Drop Deadlines**

It is expected that students who sign up for a tournament will attend the tournament. Final registration for tournaments typically closes a week prior to the tournament date (subject to vary with each tournament). The drop deadline for a tournament will be announced with tournament sign-ups. If a student drops from the tournament after the drop deadline (which includes not being to the tournament site at the designated time), they will be assessed a drop fee of double the entry fee for their attendance at the tournament. For issues of family emergencies, sickness, etc., the drop fee can be reduced to the only the cost of entry fee if the student and parents provide the coach with a reasonable explanation of the situation. By dropping out of a tournament at the last minute, the student is taking opportunities away from his or her teammates by wasting team funds and preventing another student from being able to compete.

Attending a Tournament

It is expected that students arrive promptly to the tournament location and check in with the coach by the established time, as communicated on the tournament information sheet or through updates from the coaches. For our typical Saturday tournament, arrival time should be at 7 AM. Students are to remain on-site at the tournament and cannot leave the tournament location unless they check out with the coach attending the tournament. Tournaments are full-day commitments; students are to remain at the tournament until competition for the team is over, or until the completion of the awards ceremony (this is subject to change for each tournament, but plan on any time between 8 PM – 10:30 PM). In order to leave a tournament early, students should make arrangements with the coaches in advance of the tournament. Even if a student does not advance to finals, it is imperative that they remain at a tournament to support their teammates and to observe rounds to learn more. Students are expected to communicate any updates to the tournament schedule throughout the day with their parents to coordinate pick up times.

Tournament Dress

It is expected that Eaglecrest Speech and Debate Students dress professionally for all stages of competition. During travel, students should wear nice casual clothing.

Males: Suit (blue, black, or grey) with collared shirt and tie OR slacks (khaki, blue, black, or grey) with collared shirt, tie, and blazer. Dress shoes and socks.

Females: Skirt (blue, black, or grey) with blouse, suit with blouse, slacks (blue, black, or grey) with blouse. Dress shoes (preferably closed-toe heels or flats).

****All clothing should be clean and ironed!**

Students may bring clothes to change into when they are finished competing; however, students who advance to finals will be expected to wear their professional wear for awards. Discussion and examples of tournament dress will be presented at the start of the school year.

Watching Rounds

After students have been eliminated from competition at a tournament, it is expected that they will watch additional elimination rounds to learn from successful competitors and to support their teammates who have advanced in competition. In some event categories, eliminated students will be asked to support teammates who are still competing. Students may also view other events at the tournament in which they have an interest.

Travel and Hotel Etiquette

Students will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times when traveling and staying in a hotel. You are a representative of Eaglecrest and the Eaglecrest Speech and Debate team from the minute you leave your home until when you return home. Being polite, helpful, well mannered, not loud, are important to establishing a manner of decorum. Tournament officials, coaches, and specifically judges are always within earshot of where you are and can witness inappropriate behavior even outside of the competition itself. In very specific circumstances, students may be able to leave the airport gate area or hotel for the purpose of eating or shopping and will be given permission and parameters by the coach or a tournament chaperone. Students will be liable for the physical condition of their hotel room. Any charges for services (room service, movies, etc) must be approved by an adult in attendance and can be paid for by the student at the front desk or in a restaurant or at the time of delivery. At no time should a student charge any service to his/her room.

Out of Town/Overnight Trips

If our schedule and budget allows, the Eaglecrest Speech and Debate team may take an overnight trip for an out of town tournament. Participation in an out of town tournament is by coach invitation only, usually reserved for the most competitive and dedicated students. Students attending the trip will be responsible for airfare (if applicable) and hotel costs. Students will also be responsible for their portion of meals on trips and should bring enough money for three meals a day, approximately \$35-\$40 per day if out of town, \$10-\$15 if just a local tournament for breakfast and lunch. Students and parents will be required to attend an informational meeting prior to the trip in which further expectations will be discussed.

Transportation

Parents of Eaglecrest Speech and Debate participants will be expected to pick up and/or drop off students at local tournament locations. These times are always located on the tournament trip sheet and will be emailed to parents at least a week in advance. Coaches cannot arrange or organize carpools for students or parents and must remain on-site with students until their ride arrives—please be timely when picking up your student!

Pictures/Publicity

Parents and students acknowledge that pictures and video taken in class, during practice, or at tournaments may be used by the Eaglecrest Speech and Debate team for publicity purposes, which includes use on team and school social media accounts (i.e. Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook) and the team website.

**Please keep this copy of Eaglecrest Speech and Debate Code of Conduct for your records.
Detach the f pages of this packet (contact information sheet and permission form)
and return them completed with student and parent signatures acknowledging your
understanding and acceptance of these policies.**

Speech & Debate Competitive Events Overview

Interested in competing but unsure of where to start? Here are some brief descriptions of the different events offered at every tournament—there are some supplemental events that some tournaments offer while others don't...you'll receive more information when we talk about that specific tournament. These descriptions are meant to give you an idea about the different events—in no way are they comprehensive in all of the details and rules for a particular event. Pick one that strikes your fancy and we'll go from there!

Events that are offered by CHSAA are events that students can qualify in to compete at the State Speech and Debate Tournament. Events that are offered by the NSDA are events that students can qualify to compete in at the National Speech and Debate Tournament. There is a lot of overlap between the events offered by both governing bodies, though there are some differences—it is important that you are aware of what events are only offered by one governing body when it comes to our qualifying tournaments in the spring.

DRAMATIC EVENTS

<i>Event Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Offered by CHSAA</i>	<i>Offered by NSDA</i>
Dramatic Interpretation (DI)	The competitor recreates and shares a serious selection of material from a printed, published source that has literary merit, not to exceed 10 minutes. The speaker may portray more than one character during the presentation.	✓	✓
Humorous Interpretation (HI)	The competitor recreates and shares a humorous selection of material from a printed, published source that has literary merit, not to exceed 10 minutes. The speaker may portray more than one character during the presentation.	✓	✓
Poetry Interpretation (PI)	The competitor recreates and shares a selection of poetry from printed, published sources that have literary merit, not to exceed 10 minutes. This may be one or a selection of poems revolving around a theme/written by the same poet.	✓	
Duo Interpretation (Duo)	Two speakers recreate and share a selection of material from a printed, published source that has literary merit, not to exceed 10 minutes. The partners may not look at or touch one another during their performance. Each speaker may portray one or more characters during the presentation.	✓	✓
Program of Oral Interpretation (POI)	The competitor recreates and shares a selection of literature on a given theme, often presenting numerous perspectives or an argument regarding the topic. The piece MUST include literature from printed, published sources that have literary merit and MUST present selections from a minimum of TWO of the following categories: prose, poetry, and drama. The speaker may portray more than one character and MUST present from a book (mini binder), which can be utilized like a prop.	2 year trial period beginning 2016	✓

SPEAKING EVENTS

<i>Event Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Offered by CHSAA</i>	<i>Offered by NSDA</i>
Extemporaneous Speaking (Extemp)	Speaker draws three topics from an envelope (either focusing on International or National topics) and chooses one, then has 30 minutes to prepare a 5 – 7 minute speech using information they have gathered prior to the tournament (extemp files). Good for the competitor who loves keeping up with current events.	✓	✓
Original Oratory (OO)	Speaker writes and delivers a memorized 10 minute speech on a topic of his or her choice, usually conveying a universal message. The speech has a more persuasive purpose, offering insight into a perceived problem and then exploring possible solutions.	✓	✓
Informative Speaking (Info)	Speaker writes and delivers a memorized 10 minute speech on a topic of his or her choice with the intention to inform the audience about a topic. Visual aids can be utilized.	2 year trial period beginning 2016	✓

DEBATE EVENTS

<i>Event Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Offered by CHSAA</i>	<i>Offered by NSDA</i>
Student Congress	Speakers debate bills and fictional legislation in a format similar to that used in state or national bodies of congress. Students have the opportunity to write and submit the bills and resolutions to be debated.		✓
Lincoln-Douglas Debate (LD)	With one speaker representing opposing sides, debaters deliver speeches in support or in negation of a proposition of value using analysis and support. The topic debated changes every two months.	✓	✓
Public Forum Debate (PF)	A team of two delivers speeches supporting or negating a proposition reflecting contemporary issues. The topic changes every month.	✓	✓
Policy/Cross-Ex Debate	A team of two delivers speeches supporting or negating a proposition of policy using analysis and support. The topic debated remains the same during the school year.	✓	✓

Eaglecrest High School Speech & Debate

Code of Conduct & Student Information Form

Please print clearly and legibly and return promptly with your activity fee.

FULL NAME _____ **GRADE** _____
 First Middle Initial Last

PREFERRED NAME _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

PARENT NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Please indicate the best number(s) to contact during the weekend.

PARENT NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Please indicate the best number(s) to contact during the weekend.

If you need more room, please attach a separate sheet.

By signing below, you indicate that you have read and acknowledge the Eaglecrest High School Speech & Debate Code of Conduct and that you agree to abide by these team policies.

Student Signature

Student Name (please print)

Date

Parent Signature

Parent Name (please print)

Date

_____ PHOTO OPT-OUT: Initial here if you do not want your child's likeness (photographs or video recordings) to be used in team publicity materials, which includes the team website and social media profiles.

